

Sch. George H. Lube, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake, 500 pollock.
 Sch. John M. Keen.
 Sch. Ida M. Silva, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Strang-r, 1200 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
 Sch. Seacomet, 4000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Emily Cooney, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake, 8000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
 Sch. Vidia M. Brigham, 22,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake, 500 pollock.
 Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 cusk.
 Sch. Charles W. Parker, 6000 haddock, 800 cod, 200 hake, 700 cusk, 200 pollock.
 Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.
 Sch. Glenelg, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 cusk, 500 pollock.
 Sch. Zephyr, 3000 haddock.
 Sch. William A. Morse, 14,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 16,000 haddock.
 Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2.50; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$2.25.

Portland.

About 40,000 pounds of fish were landed at Portland yesterday. Among the arrivals were the schs. Albert W. Black, Fanny Reed, Forest, Maid, Ella M. Doughty, Mabel Lovett, Moses B. Linscott, S. H. Pinkham and Juliette.

MUST GO TO THE COURTS.

If Decision on Brine Duty Is To Be Repealed.

SECRETARY CAN'T CHANGE IT

Lawyers Believe Appraisers Action Will Not Hold at Law.

A Washington dispatch says that Senator Lodge and Representative Roberts called on the secretary of the treasury yesterday in regard to the recent ruling erroneously ascribed to the treasury department, by which importers of fish in brine are required to pay what practically increases the duty 50 per cent., and to see whether action could not be taken by the secretary to modify the ruling.

Secretary Shaw explained to his callers that the treasury department had nothing whatever to do with making this ruling. All matters of duties and classifications under the tariff come before the board of general appraisers of New York and the decision of the board cannot be reviewed by the department, but is subject only to review by the courts; importers or the department, as the case may be, having the right, within a prescribed time, to appeal from a decision of the board of general appraisers to the circuit court.

Secretary Shaw explained that the original decision in regard to the tax on the brine in which fish are packed was made at Port Townsend, and sustained by the board of general appraisers, an appeal having been taken from the action of the collector. This consequently, acted as a precedent, and the collector at Boston naturally made the same ruling.

It was suggested by Secretary Shaw that the best thing that the Boston men could do would be to join hands with the Port Townsend importer, and bring the case before the circuit court for final decision, because as already explained, there is nothing the depart-

ment can do, and no way by which the action of the board can be reversed, unless the courts order it done.

In view of the statement made by Secretary Shaw it will not be necessary for the Boston committee to go to Washington to interview the department officials.

In the opinion of several good lawyers the action of the board will not stand, as it is explained that there is no more justification for assessing duty upon the brine in which fish are packed than there is on the papers used to wrap other articles imported.

Coming Here to Split.

Several of the vessels at Boston yesterday afternoon and this morning will bring their fares here to split.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Arbutus sold to the American Halibut Co. at 8 3/4 cents per lb. for white and 7 cents per pound for gray.

Bringing Good Price.

Newfoundland frozen herring are bringing \$3.75 per hundred weight at Boston.

Good Stock.

Sch. Titania, Capt. Edward McLean, stocked \$2400 on her recent Peak trip, the crew sharing \$61.

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Again Frozen In.

Steamer Pro Patria, which was recently frozen in the ice, causing grave fears for her safety, is again frozen in, having been caught in the ice floe in Placentia Bay last Saturday.

Good Stock.

Sch. Arbutus, Capt. Isaiah Merchant, stocked \$2300 on her recent halibut trip.

TO PREVENT TAKING BAIT.

Measure May Come Before Newfoundland Legislature.

AGAINST AMERICAN VESSELS.

Member Asks Premier To Declare Position on Hay-Bond Treaty.

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., says that in the legislature yesterday the leader of the opposition invited the Premier, Mr. Bond, to make a declaration concerning the position of the government respecting the present status of the Bond-Hay treaty, with a view to the possible introduction of a measure to prevent United States fishing vessels obtaining bait in colonial waters. The government will take the matter under consideration.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Vera, Georges, 10,000 lbs. fresh cod 20,000 lbs. haddock.
 Sch. Rob Roy, via Boston, 17,000 lbs. fresh cod, 4000 lbs. haddock.
 Sch. Maggie Sullivan, via Boston, 8000 lbs. cod, 30,000 lbs. haddock, 4000 lbs. cusk.
 Sch. Monitor, Provincetown, 800 qtls. cured fish.
 Sch. Olivia Domingoes.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Kentucky, haddocking.
 Sch. Dora A. Lawton, salt banking.
 Sch. Pinta, haddocking.
 Sch. S. P. Willard, salt banking.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt fish from vessels: Large headline Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$4.50.
 Large trawl Georges cod, \$5.00; medium do., \$4.00.

Large trawl Bank cod, \$4.50; medium do., \$4.00.

Fresh fish, splitting prices, large cod, Peak, \$2.37 1-2 others \$2.75; medium cod, Peak, \$2 others, \$2.15; haddock, (right through,) \$1.50; pollock, 70; cusk, \$2.

Fresh fish for market: Large cod, \$3.00; market cod, \$2.25; haddock, (right through) \$1.75.

Bank halibut, 8 3/4 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. per lb. for gray.

Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts per lb. for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$3.50 per cwt.

Shore and refrigerator herring, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Sch. Maxwell, 2500 cod.
 Sch. Admiral Dewey, 16,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
 Sch. Gov. Russell, 35,000 haddock, 27,000 cod.
 Sch. Juniata, 30,000 haddock, 12,500 cod.
 Sch. Yakima, 20,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
 Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 35,000 haddock,

30,000 cod.
 Sch. Frances Whalen, 40,000 haddock, 27,000 cod.
 Sch. Estelle S. Nunan.
 Sch. Emerald, 4000 cod.
 Sch. Emilia Enos, 6000 cod.
 Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 30,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 2000 cusk.
 Sch. Teresa and Alice, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod.
 Sch. Monarch, 25,000 haddock, 29,000 cod.
 Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.50; large cod, \$1.80 to \$2.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

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SEINERS AND NETTERS.

Big Fleet Now Getting
Ready To Sail South.

MACKEREL HAVE BEEN SEEN.

List of Crafts Which Will Seek Elusive Schools.

The first mackerel of the season have been sighted and the big fleet of southern seiners are now fitting to chase the schools from Hatteras to South Shoal. A tug which arrived at Southport, N. C., Tuesday, reports passing schools of mackerel for 20 miles off Hatteras shoal lightship March 18.

The early southern fleet this year will be a little larger than last season and will number about 65 sail, about 50 of which will go from this port. The early vessels this year will not get away as soon as last year, but the first week in April will find most of them on the way.

The fleet with their skippers who will make up the southern fleet are as follows:

From this port: Sch. Mary E. Hart, Capt. Charles H. Hart.

Sch. Lewis H. Giles, Capt. Roy Kimball.
Sch. Avalon, Capt. Charles Maguire.
Sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan.
Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Christopher Carrigan.

Sch. Grayling, Capt. Reuben Cameron.
Sch. Corsair, Capt. George G. Hamon.
Sch. Agnes E. Downes, Capt. Henry Warren.

Sch. Richard Wainwright, Capt. Norman A. Ross.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall.
Sch. Fanstina, Capt. Augustus G. Hall.
Sch. Bessie M. Devine, Capt. Archibald Devine.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman.
Sch. Harry G. French, Capt. Rufus McKay.

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Sch. Pinta, Capt. John F. Vautier.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley.

Sch. Bertha and Pearl, Capt. Joseph Smith.

Sch. Dauntless, Capt. Day.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. Fred Carritt.

Sch. Hattie M. Graham, Capt. Sargent.

Sch. Titania, Capt. Obadiah Nickerson.

Sch. Arcadia, Capt. Martin Welch.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Capt. Joseph Laoy.

Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean.

Sch. Rival, Capt. Westley Farmer.

Sch. Annie Greenlaw, Capt. H. M. McKown.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Benjamin A. Spurling.

Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. John W. McFarland.

Sch. Victor, Capt. Solomon Jacobs.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum.

Sch. Gossip, Capt. Douglass McLean.
Sch. Smuggler, Capt. Jerry E. Cook.
Sch. Golden Hope, Capt. Charles Stewart.
Sch. Margie Smith, Capt. Nathaniel Smith.
Sch. Norumbega, Capt. John A. McKinnon.

Sch. Nourmahal, Capt. Wallace Parsons.
Sch. Saladin, Capt. Flar McKown.
Sch. Talisman, Capt. Benj. McGray.
Sch. Arbutus, Capt. Joseph J. Lyle.
Sch. Latona, Capt. Solomon Butler.
Sch. Braganza, Capt. William Mosher.
Sch. Vera, Capt. Gourley B. Anderson.
Sch. Electric Flash.
Sch. S. F. Maker, Capt. S. Campbell Peart.
Sch. Leander F. Gould, Capt. Alex. McCloud.

Sch. Georgie Willard, Capt. G. Melvin McLean.

From Boston: sch. Seaconnet, Capt. Enos Nickerson.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, Capt. John O'Brien.

Sch. Shenandoah, Capt. James C. Gan-non.

Sch. Emma W. Brown.

Sch. Edna Wallace Hopper, Capt. Almon D. Mallock.

Sch. Etta Mildred, Capt. Cash.

Sch. Nellie Dixon.

Sch. Rebeca, Capt. Frank Perry.

Sch. Angilena, Capt. Samuel Joseph.

Sch. Gertrude, Capt. Perry.

Sch. Manomet, Capt. William Price.

From Portland:
Sch. John M. Plummer.

Sch. Maud S.

From Boothbay:
Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, Capt. John S. Seavey.

From Provincetown:
Sch. James and Esther, Capt. Samuel Hatch.

Sch. Nellie M. Snow.

From Chatham:
Sch. Nettie Franklin.

The netting fleet will be as large if not larger than last season and will get away in good season. The fleet will number about 115 or 120 sail and the netting skippers think that on account of the full of the moon coming at an opportune time for them, that it will be a good netting season.

The netting fleet will be as follows:—

From this port: Schs. Freedom, Florida, Gracie, Maud Murray, Evangeline, Acacia, Fritz A. Oakes, Lillian, Marguerite, Olive May, Hobo, J. F. McMorro, sloop Defender, steamers Princess and Varuna, schs. Clara, Venus, Shamrock, Grace Hone, Charles A. Dyer, Queen of the Sea, Mary Emerson, Cherokee, Reliance, Actor, Motor, Alena L. Young, Lena May, Two Forty, Bertha M. Miller, Nokomis, Lafayette, N. A. Rowe, sloop Klondike, schs. Little Fanny, Alice S. Hawkes, Thistle, steamers Oliver Hoyt, Blanche Irving, Mary E. Webb, Vesta, Valentina, Varuna, Sund, Dart, Magnolia, sloop Maxwell, sch. Arrow, Grace E. Freeman, M. Madeline, Petrel, sloops Sarah, Wodan, schs. Lizzie W. Hunt, Livonia, and E. A. Hooper.

From Boston—Schs. Estelle S. Nunan, Mertis H. Perry, Massasoit, Veteran, Hattie F. Knowlton, Allen H. Jones, Minerva, sloop Venus.

From Provincetown—Sloops Pearl, Active On Time, Gracie, Iris, Bessie, Venus, Lear C., schs. Lizzie B. Foster, Grace Smith, Leta May, sloops J. W. Caswell, Florence and a few others.

From New York—Schs. Ida L. Miller, Mary Hagan and three others.

From Block Island—Schs. Elsie, Carrie A., C. A. Sneed and Elenora Hill.

From Newport—Schs. Olga, Valkyrie, Maud Gertrude, In Time, Rhode Island, Eliza Benner, M. H. Morris, Olympia, E. H. Tallman and Sarah A.

From Portland and other Maine ports—Schs. Minnesota, Dreadnaught, sloop Minerva, schs. Mabel Bryson, Mabelle Leavitt, Laughing Water, Moses B. Linscott, Jennie H. Gilbert, C. E. Dolliver, Quickstep, Olympia.

From New Bedford—Schs. Three Sisters and Mary Smith.

From Stonington—Sch. Laura Reed.

The first fare of mackerel last season was 100 barrels of large fish, taken by sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Benj. A. Spurling, and landed at New York April 12.

The first netting fare, 44 fresh mackerel, was landed at New York by sch. Laura Reed, Capt. Beebe, of Stonington, April 13.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Gossip, Peak, 125,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Admiral Dewey, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Monarch, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Gov. Russell, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh cod, 10,000 lbs. haddock.

Sch. Yakima, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh cod.

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Boston.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Ocean Belle, 500 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Mertie H. Perry, 10,000 haddock.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Marion, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Angie B. Watson, 8000 haddock, 600 cod.

Sch. George H. Lube, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 6000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Robert and Carr, 11,000 haddock, 300 cod, 100 hake.

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 9000 haddock, 3000 cod, 400 hake, 200 cusk.

Sch. Orinoco, 50,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 12,000 cusk, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, \$1.75 to \$2; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.75; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson was at Halifax yesterday.

Sch. Orpheus was at Liverpool, N. S., on Tuesday.

Sch. Robin Hood was at Louisburg, C. B., on Monday.

Capt. George Smith is fitting out sch. Fanny A. Smith at Vinalhaven for his regular haking season, and the craft will come here to go on railways and slick up before proceeding to the fishing grounds.

Veseels Sailed.

Sch. Mystery, salt banking.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges.

Big Trip.

Sch. Gossip, Capt. Douglass McLean, arrived from the Peak yesterday afternoon with one of the largest fares of the season, 125,000 pounds of fresh cod. D. B. Smith & Co. will take in the fare, which will net a large stock and share for Capt. McLean and his crew.